

Thi saa har Gud elsket
Verden, at han gav sin
Søn, den enbaarne, for at
hver den som tror paa
ham, ikke skal fortæbes,
men have evigt Liv.

HYRDEN

"JEG ER DEN GODE HYRDE." — Joh. 10, 11.

Den som tror paa ham,
bliver ikke dømt; den som
ikke tror, er allerede dømt,
fordi han ikke har
paa Guds enbaarne
Navn.

Haugen, Rev. A. K.
dec 42

17de aargang.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Andet Nr. i August, 1941

11te SØNDAG EFTER TRE- FOLDIGHET

(1 Kor. 15: 1—10)

Av pastor O. J. Marken.

Luther sier om det 15de kap. i 1 Kor. at det helt igjennem handler om opstandelsen, hvorfor det vilde høve sig bedst at lese og betrakte det i paasketiden.

Men at dette stykke er forordnet paa denne søndag synes at vere av den grund at de sidste ord stemmer med dagens evangelium. Ti hvorvel Paulus var en høi apostel, og i sit embede hadde arbeidet mere end alle de andre, saa roser han sig dog ikke av sin egen storhet, saaledes som den hovmodige farisæer, men likesom den arme tolder bekjender sin synd og uverdighet; og hvad han er det tilskrifer han alene Guds naade som har gjort ham, som var en forfølger, til en kristen apostel. — Saa langt Luther.

Det er de som er smaa i sig selv som er noe for Gud.

Paulus var visselig det største av alle de vitner Jesus valgte, og Gud lot ham faa mange store aapenbarelseser. Ja han var den eneste som saa og talte med den himmelfarne Jesus, noe Paulus sikkerlig kunde ha rost sig av, men Gud holdt ham nede i ydmyghet. Naar han sier, "Jeg er den ringeste av apostlene, og er ikke verd at kaldes en apostel, fordi jeg har forfulgt Guds menighet," da mener han hvad han sier. Fra en side seet slaar han lag med tolderens som i sin syndenød og samvittighetsangst slog sig for sit bryst og sa, "Gud vær mig synder naadig."

Hvor mange av os har Pauli og tolderens sinn? Hvor mange av os kan si som Paulus, "Av Guds naade er jeg det jeg er, og hans naade imot mig har ikke vert forgjeves."

Det evangelium Paulus altid forkyndte var at Jesus døde for vore synder og opstod til vor rettfertiggjørelse. Hans eneste ros var Kristi kors. I Gal. 6: 14 sier han, "Men det vere langt fra mig at rose mig, uten av vor Herre Jesu Kristi kors, hvorved verden er blit korsfestet for mig og jeg for verden."

Ingen ros eller ære tilkommer os. Det er alt av naade. Ingen av os vaager vel at staa frem med farisæeren og si, "Jeg takker dig Gud at jeg ikke er som andre mennesker."

Men mon ikke mange i sin tanke mener noe lignende, om de end ikke aapent tilstaar det? La os alle prøve os selv. Om vi gjerne vil vere ydmyge, saa stikker den gamle Adam frem i os og vil ha lit ros.

Men naar det kommer dertil med en at han følger sig som den ringeste av alle, og kan stole bare paa Jesus og ham korsfestet, da har han intet at rose sig av, men kan si med Paulus, "Av Guds naade er jeg det jeg er."

Eftersom da aarene gaar blir en mindre og mindre i sig selv, derimot blir Jesus større og ens alt. Da sier man med Johannes, Døperen, "Han skal vokse; jeg skal avtage." En saadøn kan Gud faa ophøie.

Alle som tror gjør han miskund og naade, Trøster og hjælper i værende vaade, Trofast i alle de evighets dage

Efter sit ord som kan aldrig bedrage. Gud gi at hans naade mot mig ikke maatte vere forgjeves! Amen.

Alle stormakter i verden skal eventuelt gaa under. Det skjer naar herrenes Herre kommer for aa innta riket. Da blir det bare en eneste stormakt i tilværelsen: Guds evige rettferd.

Menneskets hjerte optenker sin vei; men Herren stadfester hans gang.



Luther League Rally at Norrøna Church.

Above "snap" was taken at the Luther League Rally at Norrøna Church on June 8th. Three leagues in Rev. H. L. Urness' charge participated: St. Olaf, Lunner, and Norrøna. Rev. G. O. Evenson was the guest speaker.

Eftersøkt

Herr redaktør:

Kunde De vennligst hjelpe mig med aa faa eftersøkt følgende personer, paa vegne av en av vaare gutter i "Lille Norge":

Ida og Haldor Haddevik, fra Stadt, Nordfjord. Farmere. Har været i Canada ca. 15 aar.

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Deres forbundne,

Berge Øverland.

Den kristnes kors

Luk. 9, 23.

Jeg saa engang et billede som forestilte den trange og den brede vei. Paa den brede vei gik en flok mennesker, muntre og lystige med brendevinsflasker og glas i henderne og skjenket hverandre. De danset og saa meget stolte ut. Men ved enden av veien brendte et stort baal. — Paa den smale vei gik nogen nedtrykte, bøiede mennesker, og bar hver et kors. De saa ydmyke ut, og en del av dem krøp paa knæerne. Men ved enden av veien var Jesus, en flok engle og frelste mennesker. Dette billede gjorde et dypt indtryk paa mig. — Kjendemerket paa dem paa den trange vei, var korset de bar.

En far vilde forklare for sin søn hvad korset er. Han tok to fyrstikker og la over hverandre saa de danet et kors. Den ene fyrstikken betegnet vor vilje, den anden Guds vilje, sa han. Likesom fyrstikkerne krydset hverandre, saa krydser Guds vilje vor, de kommer paa tvers av hverandre. Naar vi skal følge eller gjøre Guds vilje, paa trods av vor vilje, vor gamle natur — det — er korset. Det gjør veien trang, det blir den kristnes kamp.

Korset legges paa den kristnes skulder i og med omvendelsen og følger med til veiens ende. "Vil nogen komme efter mig, han maa fornekte sig selv og ta sit kors op og følge mig", sa Jesus. Det ser ut til, efter Jesu ord, at man kan gaa korset forbi, men Jesus formaner os til at ta korset op.

Ogsaa alt det som den kristne maa lide for Jesu navns skyld er kors. Prøvelser, sykdom, ulykke blir kors for den kristne. Alt sammen er nødvendig og maa vere med i den kristnes oppdragelse for himmelen. Meget av smerter og lidelser har de felles med verden. Men for verden er motgang og ulykke ikke kors, men Guds tuktt til omvendelse, et naadekald, et rop fra Herren. Kom tilbake til din Gud! Men den kristne ser deri straal av Guds kjærlighet. Luther sier:

Korset er vor Herres Jesu hyrdehund som driver faarene ind i hyrdens favn.

Korset setter vor lydighet mot Guds aand paa prøve. Uten kors, ingen krone. Ulydighet mot Guds aand kan føre til død. La os ikke undra os korset eller bøie av. La os med vort kors stille os ind under Jesu kors, det gir os kraft og gjøre byrden lettere. Korsets smerte og lidelse skal virke taalmod, og taalmod et prøvet sind, og nyt haap, men haapet beskjemmer ikke. Igjennem korsets smerte skal selvlivet dø, der ved skal vi beredes for himmelen. Den som vil berge sit liv, skal miste det. Den som mister sit liv for Jesu skyld, skal berge det. Særskilte synders bekjendelse for mennesker kan vere et tungt kors. Salig den som bøier sig og tar op ogsaa dette kors. Korset gjør ydmyke kristne. Den ydmyke faar naade. Lydighet og tro gir sjelen fred og ro.

Under korset vil jeg trede, bære det med stille glede, korset, frelser, som er dit. Gaar min vei i mørke daler, dog mit maal i himlen saler skuer øiet fro og frit.

K. O. R. (V. f. B.)

Vær altid glade!

2 Tess. 5, 16.

Vi synes vel stundom at disse ord er noe overdrevne. Paulus paaminder os som kristne at vi alltid skal vere glade. Men gaar det virkelig an? Det er saa meget som kan gjøre en kristen nedstemt og sorgfuld. Man kjender hvor langt man staa tilbake i barnlig lydighet og synder mangel. Dette bringer sorg. Tenker vi saa paa den verden idag som ikke er frelst og iler mot den evige undergang, hvor merker vi ikke nøden i hjertene. Mange av Herrens venner har meget at kjempe med som kan gjøre en forsakt og motløs. Guds rikes arbejde har ikke den fremgang som vi kunde ønske, osv. Gaar det virkelig an alltid at vere glad? Kunde Paulus selv praktisere dette med den stadige glede i sit eget kristenliv?

Ja, det er mange spørsmaal som kan reise sig, men allikevel gaar det an i alt og under alt at eie stadig glede. Det er dette som sker naar vi hviler i Herrens løfter og forjettelser og tror hvad Herren har lovet staa ved sin evige makt. Den stadige glede vil vi eie naar vi daglig søker ind i vore lønkamre, ind til korset, ind til naadetronen. Gleden vil Guds aand skape i vore hjarter, dersom vi følger de veie som jeg ovenfor har nevnt. Det kan komme sorg, motgang, forskjellige slags prøvelser osv., — men er Herren med, skal vi under alt eie et hjerte som eier gleden. Og engang skal vi gaa ind i en tilværelse hvor vi evig skal gledes.

(V. Waaler i "F. F. og R.")

I EN STILLE STUND

"Hvor dine ord er søte for min gane, mere end honning for min mund!"

Salme 119:103.

Den hellige skrift er den skat som bærer i sig al sandhet, og den eneste kundskap som kan gjøre os vise og dydige og lykkelige. Som en sprudlende kilde bringer den den dypeste fred og den eneste trøst i liv og i død.

Jeg har levd i femti aar, og har mangfoldige ganger nydt livets gleder, men ingen glede har veret varigere, uskyldigere, og edlere end den mit hjerte har søkt og fundet efter den hellige skrifts anvisning.

I disse femti aar har jeg ogsaa døiet mange besverligheter, og intet sted har jeg fundet mere lys i mørket, mere styrke, trøst og mot under lidelserne end i bibelens hellige bok. Mere end een gang har jeg staaet foran dødens porte, og har der erfaret at der er ikke noe andet end evangeliets guddommelige kraft som kan hjelpe til at beseire døden og frykten for den. Intet andet end den inderlige tro paa vor Frelser kan i de avgjørende øieblikke styrke den bange sjel ved indgangen til evighetens land, intet uten den kan hjelpe os mot vor anklagende samvittighet, det vidner jeg for Gud.

"Dype, stille, sterke, milde
Guddoms ord fra himmelhavn,
Raaper, kalder, hjerter alle
Til den gode Hyrdes favn,
Vidner om hvad os er givet;
Jesus er vor vei til livet.

Frelser kjere, tak dig vere
For din naade mot vor jord!
Tiden rinder, verden svinder,
Evig dog bestaar dit ord,
Med dit ord din naade varer,
Er vort vern mot alle farer."

(Chr. F. Gellert)

(Indsendt av N. F.)

LARS LINDEROT

En kort biografi indsendt av
Ole O. Brekke, Kandahar, Sask.

Av de mange trofaste herrens tjenere blandt det skandinaviske folk er der serlig en som fortjener at mindes, skjønt jeg tror at han er blit nesten glemt. Jeg tillater mig derfor at bringe Hyrdens lesere en kort beretning om denne mands liv og virke.

Lars Linderot blev født den 7 august, 1761, i Jørlanda sogn i Bohuslehn, Sverige, hvor hans far, en regimentskriver, levde i middels gode kaar. Fra sit fjerde til sit tyvende aar levde Lars med sine foreldre i Kongelv hvor han, som han selv siger i sin prediken paa anden søndag i faste, "tilbragte en uforstandig barndom, og en del av en flygtig ungdom." Her vaaknet allerede hans lyst til den geistlige stand. "I Kongelvs kirke har jeg saa godt som i min barndom begyndt at øve mig i det embede som jeg nu beklæder, og prøve den byrde som i 12 aar har hvilt paa disse svake skuldre." I denne kirke prediket han allerede før han hadde fyldt sit 16de aar.

I 1778 blev han student ved Lund Universitet. Efter at ha underkastet sig de bestemte eksamina blev han den 21 april, 1787, indviet til prest. Den 15 desember, 1790, blev han ansat som personel kapelan ved Gøteborg Domkirke, hvor han tilbragte de følgende ti aar, og hvor han holdt de fleste av sine predikener. Hans virksomme liv blev brakt til en hastig ende paa søndag den 23 mai, 1811, da han midt under sine embedsforretninger i Lindome kirke pludselig tok syk, og døde nogen timer senere i sognets klokkegaard.

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Som prest var Linderot av stor betydning for baade samtid og efterverdenen. Vel hørte han til dem som helst ringet med stormklokken blandt en sovende slekt, men i hans tale fandtes ikke alene malmets lyd men ogsaa kjerlighedens og evangeliets milde toner, og derfor kunde den baade vekke og lokke til opmerksomhet paa det evige livets ord. Et bevis paa det var at Linderot snart kaldtes til at predike i Gøteborg hvor der ennu fandtes ører som hverken var for fine til at høre sandheten forkyndt i sin rene og strenge klarhet, eller begjerlige efter de sentimentale predikanter graatvekkende ord.

De som levde paa den tid, og som hørte ham, kunde fortelle at det var en glede at se prester fra alle kanter, fra by og land, samle sig saa ofte som deres egne embedsforretninger tillot det for at høre den skjeldne predikant. De kunde ogsaa fortelle at de aldrig hadde hørt noget lignende som da Linderot prediket paa klagedagen efter Gustav Adolfs død, eller paa den første morgen av det nye aarhundrede, eller naar han i en prediken beskrev de store begivenheter som vil finde sted paa den yderste dag.

Den indre ro og glede som Linderots skrifter vidner om at han var i besittelse av ledsagedes i hans ydre liv av megen uro. Da han fandt sin største glede i at predike uro og oprør i et syndigt menneskehjerte, saa var det rimelig at nogen blandt dem som følte sig truffet igjen fandt glede i at bringe uro tilbake i hans hjerte. Men alt dette formaadde dog ikke at utslette det elskede minde han erhvervet sig hos sine venner, heller ikke den store aktelse endog hans fiender hadde for hans navn. Den største anledning til uro synes han forresten at ha hatt i sit eget hus, i sin kone, som slet ikke skal ha veret i harmoni med ham.

Hans Nilsen Hauge levde paa samme tid. Han var født den 3 april, 1771, og var altsaa ti aar yngre. Begge disse mend var trofaste tjenere i den lutherske kirke. Deres store livsopgave var at vinde sjele for Herren paa en tid da den rasjonalistiske tidsaand herjet i de skandinaviske land. Den sidste utgave av Linderots skrifter blev trykt paa Capelens Forlag i Kristiania i 1880.

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Hvor levetiden igrunnen er kort! I Salme 90 lignes livet med: En vakt om natten, en søvn, græs, et suk, en flukt. Vi bør merke os slike ord. Det vekker til alvorstanker. Det maner til noe andet end letsindighet, forfengelighet og syndige fornøielser. Det maner os til at be den gamle bøn: Lær os at telle vore dage, at vi kan faa visdom i hjertet. Livet blir desto alvorligere naar vi tenker paa de to maater det kan brukes.

1) **Det kan brukes op for djevelen.** Mange er det som har naadd "støvets aar" og enda ikke er frelst. Gud kaldte, men djevelen foreslog utsettelse. De adlød. Paa den maate har djevelen tat tiden fra dem og saaledes beholdt dem i sin tjeneste. De har saa at si slidt sig ut for ham.

Og nu sitter de der i 70—80 aars alderen sløvet, bøiet og utslidt. I sandhet er trist billede. Endnu kan det gaa an ved Guds store langmodighet at frelses ved samme naade som røveren fik.

2) **Livet kan ogsaa brukes op for Gud.** Det er hans store tanke med os alle. — Tenk om han kunde faa barna og bruke dem hele livet! For en lykke — uten avbrytelse at brukes op for Gud! Ingen maa tro at livet taper sin glans ved at leve det for Gud. Det er netop "samfundet med Gud" som kaster glans over livet. Om vort livs tid blir kort eller lang saa vet vi: Om vi lever eller vi dør hører vi Herren til. Det er en lykke! Saa har vi i utsikt at faa en lønnet livsgjerning, og en evighet i beskuel-sen av hans herlighet. Derfor, lev dit liv for Gud!

(V. f. B.)

Guds miskunn i Bønnhørelse

Av Sundar Singh

Engang jeg reiste over havet, saa jeg hvordan det varme solskinnets fikk vannet til aa stige op som en fin damp, og hvordan dampen fortettet sig til taake. Taaken samlet sig til skyer, og senere begynte det aa regne. Jeg smakte paa de fallende draapene. Og tenk, det var ferskvann!

En forklarte mig da at solvarmen ikke suger op saltstoffet i havet, men bare rent vann:

Nu blev det med ett klart for mig hvordan og hvorfor Gud kan bønnhøre de bønnene vaare. Likesom solen bare trekker til sig det rene vannet, saa tar Gud imot bønnene vaare, men ikke med alt det jordiske støvet som henger ved dem. Han tar imot dem rensset og befridd for alt det som jordisk lengsel og begjær blander inn.

Naar vi ber i Jesu navn, ferdes vi i Guds rikes rene luft. Og naar vi tenker paa det forskjellige utseendet til kineserne, inderne, negrene og europeerne, saa maa vi innse hvor sterkt menneskets hudfarve paavirkes av den atmosfæren det lever i. Nettopp paa samme vis faar vaar sjel preget sitt der hvor den lever. Naar vi ber, da lever sjelen vaar i himmelsk luft og staar under Guds helligende innflytelse.

"Lutheraneren".

Han likte ikke lønnen

En visergut fik plads hos en kjøpmand, som vilde at gutten skulde si usandheter om varerne og prisene.

"Nei, det kan jeg ikke gjøre", sa gutten, "jeg vil heller forlate tjenesten."

Gutten sluttet og moren spurte: "Hvorfor sluttet du, var kjøpmanden ikke snild mot dig?"

"Jo", svarte gutten, "jeg hadde intet at utsette paa ham."

"Syntes du ikke om arbeidet?"

Gutten svarte alvorlig: "Det var lønnen jeg ikke syntes om. Han vilde at jeg skulde synde, og syndens løn er døden."

(V. f. B.)

From the District Convention

The first session opened at 8:00 p. m. on Wednesday evening, July 16th, with a large crowd in attendance. Opening prayer by Dr. Iver Iversen was followed by the reading of Psalm 130, after which a prayer session was held in which many took part.

Pastor K. Bergsagel of Kyle, Sask., delivered the opening sermon based on Mark 4:26—32. Pastor G. O. Evenson, dean of the Saskatchewan Bible Institute, bid the convention welcome. Dr. Iver Iversen paid touching tribute to the departed pastor Hjalmer Holland, of Rose Valley, Sask.

On Thursday Rev. H. E. Jorgensen, editor of "Lutheraneren", spoke on "Church Publicity." With ample and interesting illustrations the speaker made plain how proper publicity becomes a powerful factor in church work.

Rev. A. E. Iverson, executive secretary of the Amended Pension Plan, gave an informative lecture on the plan. He mentioned that two-thirds of the pastors and about 100 congregations in the district had endorsed the plan to date. Discussion followed. It was decided that the appointment of contact men for the Pension Plan in each circuit and congregation be considered at the fall circuit meetings of the district.

Friday was taken up with the hearing of a large number of reports on the various activities within the district. Pastor K. O. Kandal spoke in the Norwegian language on the topic, "Seeking the Lost", the first address on the general theme: "Our Home Mission Responsibility". He warned against forgetting the individual. We who have been taught the Word carry a tremendous responsibility. It is a fearful thing to have the light, and then refuse to walk in it.

Rev. K. A. Knutson spoke on the second part of the theme, namely, "Seeking the Lost on the Frontiers." The frontiers may be very near to each one of us. It is where the unsaved are. On these frontiers the devil is very busy. Many are led astray by the so-called pleasures of the world, and others by false teachings. One false teaching leads to another.

Dr. J. A. Aasgaard spoke at the Friday evening session. His address concerned itself mainly with what it means to be lost and what it means to be saved. It is our precious heritage in Word and Sacrament which has the power to reclaim the lost and the erring. That is what the disciples were given to use, and that is what we have been given.

On Saturday morning the Credential Committee reported the presence of 31 pastors, 37 delegates, and 3 advisory members.

Elections resulted in the following: Vice president, Pastor K. Bergsagel, term, 2 years; Secretary, Pastor B. O. Lokensgaard, term, 2 years; Assistant Secretary, Pastor Milo E. Lee, term, 2 years; Treasurer, Student pastor Erik B. Haave, term, 2 years; Financial secretary, Pastor A. M. Vinge, term, 1 year.

Board of Trustees: Pastor A. H. Solheim and Mr. Bennie Anderson; term, 3 years.

Board of Management of Outlook College: Pastor B. O. Lokensgaard; term, 3 years.

Board for the Saskatchewan Bible Institute: Pastors B. O. Lokensgaard and G. J. Ostrem; term, 3 years. Pastors J. T. Dahle and Vernon Jensen; term, 2 years. Pastors K. Bergsagel, A. M. Vinge, and Martin Aandal; term, 1 year.

Board of Parish Education Pastors J. B. Stolee, A. M. Vinge, and C. S. Lystig; term, 2 years.

Board of Home Missions: Pastor J. B. Stolee and Mr. George Hendrickson; term, 3 years.

Board of Charities: Pastor P. Lerseth and Prof. E. Bergh.

Editor for "Hyrden": Pastor C. S. Lystig; term, 1 year.

Business Manager for "Hyrden": Student pastor J. B. Haave; term, 1 year.

Assistant editor for "Lutheran Voice": Pastor G. Evenson; term, 1 year.

Leaders for Pastoral Retreats: Pastors C. S. Lystig and B. O. Lokensgaard; term, 1 year.

On application by Pastor Nordmark on behalf of Bethel Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Peoria, Alta., it was moved, seconded, and carried that this congregation be welcomed and accepted into the district.

The following motion presented by Pastor Lerseth was seconded and carried:

"In view of the fact that a large number of people are moving into the cities during the winter months, be it resolved that all pastors be urged, to give information to the city pastors regarding their stay."

Dr. J. R. Lavik delivered a lecture on the theme, "The Sacrament of the Altar and healthy Christian life in the Church." He stated that the present time calls for self-examinations. What are our essential convictions? Are we on the right course? The speaker emphasized the right use of the Sacrament by Christians, and right administration by the Church.

Business followed.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the convention endorse the appeal from Camrose Lutheran College that its subsidy be raised to six or seven thousand dollars, to enable the accreditation for Junior College work.

Motion carried that the next District meeting begin about the first of July.

Pastors K. O. Kandal, A. H. Solheim, and A. K. Odland were elected to serve as **District Evangelistic Committee.** Another motion urging that each circuit also elect an Evangelistic Committee of three was similarly carried.

As a substitute for the Working Committee's recommendation that an Evangelist be elected at once, it was decided that Rev. G. O. Evenson be used as Evangelist during the ensuing year for as much time as he can spare. In that connection, another motion was passed: "If it shall prove impossible to carry out decision of convention re: District Evangelist, Be it resolved that we urge our Church's Home Mission Board that an additional Evangelist be elected, and arrangements be made for our District to get one of our Evangelists six months each year, and that the Committee on Evangelism arrange the route for the Evangelist. This matter to be presented to the Home Mission Board by the Committee of Evangelism."

Sunday, July 20th, marks a milestone in the history of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of Canada with the ordination to the ministry of Mr. John Precht by Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, president of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America. Pictures will be published in a later issue of Hyrden.

"I Will Not Swear" Club

From the "News Letter", published on behalf of the Service Men's Division of the National Lutheran Council, we cull the following note regarding an endeavor which ought to be promoted with zealous energy and interest everywhere.

"Chaplain F. Herbert Moehlmann (Hawaii) reports that his "I Will Not Swear" Club is proving a very worthwhile activity. Its membership is increasing, and much interest and enthusiasm are manifested by them all. Each member receives an official membership card which he proudly carries on his person."

Be Considerate!

If any little word of ours
Can make one life the brighter;
If any little song of ours
Can make one heart the lighter;
God help us speak that little word,
And take our bit of singing,
And drop it in some lonely vale
To set the echoes ringing.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.

The SHEPHERD

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. John 10, 11.

He that believeth on him is not judged; he that believeth not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Second Nr. in August, 1941

REV. HJALMER HOLLAND'S FUNERAL

The remains of Rev. Hjalmer Holland, who passed away at the city hospital in Saskatoon on July 5th, were first taken to St. James, Minnesota, where a short service was held at his home church. The following day he was taken to Badger, Iowa, where a full service was conducted at the Badger Church where Rev. and Mrs. Holland were married. Burial took place at the Blossom Hill cemetery near by.

A number of pastors assisted in the services. Dr. L. W. Boe, president of St. Olaf College, spoke on behalf of Dr. J. A. Aasgaard and the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, and also on behalf of St. Olaf College. Rev. T. B. Thorson spoke on behalf of the Eagle Grove circuit, Iowa.

Other pastors present were: Rev. Hanson of Lakefield; Rev. L. A. Mathre, of Estherville; Rev. H. S. Fauske, of Eagle Grove; Rev. O. B. Anderson, of Humboldt; Rev. E. A. Bersagel, of Dunbar; Evangelist Ole Barnes; Dean J. Thompson of St. Olaf College, and Rev. Dale, pastor of the congregation in which Rev. Holland was confirmed. This congregation happened to have confirmation service on the Sunday following Rev. Holland's death, and decided to make their offering of \$51.00 a memorial gift to missions.

Greetings and telegrams were read from Dr. T. F. Gullixson, president of Luther Theological Seminary; Dr. Nels Kleven, president of Southern Minnesota district; Prof. J. L. Rendahl, president of Waldorf College; the Lutheran Deaconess Hospital, Chicago; the Northwood Deaconess Hospital, Northwood, N. D.; the Rose Valley Ladies Choir, and from several friends and relatives.

May God continue to bless Holland's memory!

IN MEMORIAM GIFT

Missions	121.90
Jewish Missions	19.00
Lutheran Bible Institute	16.00
Santal Mission	5.00
Sudan Mission	5.00
W.C.A.L. (St. Olaf) Broadcasting Station	3.00
Inner Mission Federation	4.00
Book Mission	1.00
Gateway Gospel Mission	2.00
Lutheran Orphan Missions	5.00

\$181.90

Telegrams stated others gifts would follow.

Gifts from Rose Valley and vicinity given to Mrs. Holland to be used as needed:

Hendon Ladies Aid	25.00
Nut Lake Ladies Aid	25.00
Rose Valley Ladies Aid	30.50
Luther Ladies Aid	25.00
Friends around Rose Valley	61.25
Miss Arna Njaa	5.00

\$171.75

Other memorial gifts:

From the Yorkton Circuit Luther League to the Outlook Bible School	35.00
From the Yorkton Circuit L. D. R. to the L.D.R. Mission Project	5.00
From the Scandia Luther League, Hendon	5.00

Dr. Iver Iversen conducted memorial services at Hendon and at Rose Valley on July 13th.

Miss Lily Tunem concluded the two weeks' vacation school with a picnic at Riverside Park, Edmonton, on August 1st. Average daily attendance was 14 pupils.

STATUS OF THE 1941 BUDGET INGATHERING

July 31, 1941.

District	Amount raised	Apportionment	Balance to be raised	% raised
To				
Eastern	86,556.59	259,290.00	172,733.41	33.4
No. Minn.	41,698.56	104,520.00	62,821.44	39.9
So. Minn.	80,256.56	266,325.00	186,068.44	30.1
Iowa	40,038.73	131,655.00	91,616.27	30.4
So. Dak.	37,941.02	97,995.00	60,053.98	38.7
No. Dak.	30,261.26	96,480.00	66,218.74	31.4
Rocky Mt.	9,195.81	13,560.00	4,364.19	67.8
Pacific	11,955.78	26,130.00	14,174.22	45.6
Canada	3,156.25	9,045.00	5,888.75	34.9
No Dist.	90.30			
Luth. Stud. Union	1,300.00			
Luth. Students	361.88			
By Funds				
Education	76,537.74	277,763.81	201,226.07	27.6
Home Missions	84,585.24	227,261.31	142,676.07	37.2
For. Missions	94,547.89	267,663.32	173,115.43	35.3
Charities	47,804.95	151,507.54	103,702.59	31.6
Pensions	21,356.51	80,804.02	59,447.51	26.4
General Fund	17,980.41			
	\$342,812.74	1,005,000.00	662,187.26	34.1

Rich Toward God

God has not placed us in this world to live a purposeless existence, but that our lives are to fit into the great plan which He has and is carrying out for the world. Only in the measure that we find our place in this program can our lives become "rich toward God".

God is no respecter of persons — to each one of us who will follow Him He has given the privilege of sharing in a world-wide program of salvation. Christ intended that His followers should be rich — "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (2 Cor. 8: 9).

Our lives become "rich toward God" in the degree in which we fellowship with our Father through His Word and Sacraments and in prayer. Think of the far-reaching influence of a life given to intercessory prayer! "Who can say what power a Church could develop and exercise if it gave itself to the work of prayer for God's power on His servants and His Word, for the glorifying of God in the salvation of souls?"

Our lives become "rich toward God" in the measure that we give ourselves in His service — that out of our lives may spring forth "rivers of living water".

Life becomes "rich toward God" as we give of our means for the furtherance of His Kingdom-building program. Giving is self-expression. The self-interested life is not the "abundant life". Christ gave Himself that we might become rich! The Lord does not value the gift in accordance with its size but computes its value in accordance with the attitude of the heart.

"Christian Stewardship is not the offering of the odds and ends of our time, talent, and material possessions to God, but whole-time administration of all our powers and possessions for God". (Crawford) This is a complete life and thus a life that becomes "rich toward God" as we live it out for Him.

From Edmonton, Alberta

The month of July brought some exceptional pleasures which will long be cherished by Central Lutheran congregation, and not the least by the family at the parsonage. We refer to the visits paid us by Rev. H. E. Jorgensen, editor of "Luthera-neren," and Mrs. K. A. Holstad, president of the Women's Missionary Federation. We were indeed enriched not only by their excellent addresses at public gatherings, but equally so by their charming fellowship.

Almost simultaneously we also thoroughly enjoyed a brief visit by Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Holm and family, from Florence, South Dakota. Rev. Holm began his ministry at Glendon, Alta., and also served at Calgary before moving to his present charge, four years ago.

To all these U. S. visitors we would again say a hearty, Thank you! and a sincere, Come again!

"For every child spiritual and moral training to help him to stand firm under the pressure of life."

"For every child a home and that love and security which a home provides; and for that child who must receive foster care, the nearest substitute for his own home."

The Children's Charter.

Saugen, Holland

Olga Marie Holand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Holand, Viking, Alberta, was united in marriage to the Rev. Ivar John Saugen, pastor of the Norwegian Lutheran Church in Calgary, on July 22nd, at the Scandinavia Lutheran Church. Rev. J. B. Stolee officiated at the ceremony.

"Hyrden" extends hearty congratulations!

"We shall maintain our liberties only by the religious education of our youth."

George Washington.

"See to it that you first of all have your children instructed in spiritual things, giving them first to God and afterwards to secular duties."

Martin Luther.

"Now is the time for the church to equip and endow its colleges, not alone that they may do their good work but that they may hold the state institutions within reasonable bounds of faith and practice."

Cyrus Northrop while president emeritus of U. of M.

"People educated in intellect and not educated in religion and morals will become a menace to our nation."

Theodore Roosevelt.

WORKERS IN THE DISTRICT

In the course of about a month we have lost three of our pastors. At present we have ten charges vacant or on the point of becoming vacant. Rev. Hjalmer Holland, Rose Valley, Sask., died in the harness after only eleven months of service. Rev. Hans Nelson, Parkside, Sask., has resigned and accepted call to Epping, N. Dak. Rev. Milo E. Lee goes to Hingham, Montana.

It is no longer possible to get any adequate number of pastors or Candidates from the States. May the Lord send forth young men from Canada for whom the salvation of their fellow-countrymen has become a burden. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into His harvest."

—Iver Iversen.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL FORUM



Vacation time is here again. Central Lutheran Sunday School in Edmonton closed its term on Sunday, June 29th. On the previous Saturday afternoon children and parents gathered at Borden Park for a picnic which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present.

At the Sunday closing exercises a brief review of the year's work was given. Reference was made to rally day- and special children's services, and to the customary Christmas and Easter programs. Of the total enrollment of sixty, seven had perfect attendance, and three had missed only two Sundays. There are seven classes from the sand table class to grade six inclusive. An attractive shield is awarded the class with the best record for the year. Last year it was won by grade three, this year it went to grade four.

Financially the children do their bit, too, their regular collections amounting to \$50.00 for the past term. On Easter Sunday they placed a special offering on the Lord's altar for Orphaned Missions, and their Birthday Box contained \$7.67. Many of them may not fully realize what it all means, but it does help to form a habit of giving to the Lord.

Let us not forget the spiritual phase of the work, however. After all, that is the most important. Have we as teachers done our part by going often to Jesus for help? No truly successful Sunday School can be built up if we fail to teach the Word of God faithfully. "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Ps. 119: 105.

"Lord, who am I to teach the way To little children day by day, So prone myself to go astray.

I teach them knowledge, but I know How faint the flicker, and how low The candles of my knowledge glow.

I teach them love for all mankind And all God's creatures, but I find My love comes lagging far behind.

Lord, if their guide I still must be, Oh, let the little children see The teacher leaning hard on Thee!"

(Leslie P. Hill)

—C. Holmberg.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION

Mrs. J. R. Lavik, Editor, — Luther Seminary, Saskatoon, Sask.

Sharing the Convention

We are very happy that through these columns the many women of our district, both young and old, who were unable to attend the W. M. F. and L. D. R. Conventions recently held in Outlook, Sask., may share in a measure, at least, some of the good things, some of the inspiration received there.

We have had a report from the W. M. F. Convention. In this issue of "Hyrden" we are glad to hear from the L. D. R.

As space permits we shall print the papers presented by representatives from the different circuits on topics related to the general convention theme, "Broadcasting Good Seed."

We hope that these messages thus brought may be a source of blessing to many. —Ed.

With the L.D.R. Convention

"To Lose Is To Find."

God has meant us to go forward to serve, but not until we have become dead to the world and alive in Christ can we bear the fruit God has a right to demand of us. Christ tells us that unless we abide in Him our lives cannot be fruitful. The L. D. R. is not an end in itself. To bear fruit, we as individual members must die and turn a deaf ear to the world. We must forget self and place Christ first. Consecration must replace compromise.

Stewardship of life helps to bear fruit. Giving of money can be as much of praise as song and prayer though it is not intended that it shall take their place. God wants us to give so that He may bless the giver, the gift, and the receiver.

Christianity takes an interest in its neighbours, placing no geographical or racial limit. All are our inescapable neighbours. It takes a warm organization or church to think of our brothers' needs. Let us thank God for the grace He has given us.

The big reason that there is little growth in our Christian life has been the neglect of God's word and prayer. "To pray," Hallesby says, "is to let Jesus into your heart, your needs and distresses." To pray is to have faith in God. It implies knowing Him and living in intimate fellowship with Him.

It warmed our hearts to see that in the Canada District our L. D. R. executive and circuit presidents are praying Christians. We have much to thank God for and we dare to hope and pray for great things here in Canada. But we also want that each of us be so conscious of our responsibility to God and our neighbour that we daily ask, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Are we willing to be third? Christ first, others second, myself last?

The many greetings, messages and admonitions brought to us from Dr. Aasgaard, Mrs. Holstad, Dr. Bergsaker, Arna Njaa, and Rebecca Millunchick reminded us that our daughter organization, though comparatively young, has by the grace of God and the support of the church accomplished something for Jesus. The panel discussions acquainted us better with the objectives of the L. D. R. proving, too, that our programs are Christ-centred. From someone came the remark, "I pin more hope on the mothers and daughters, the wives and sisters than on any other organization of the church." Dear L. D. R. friends and members, let us hold high the privilege that is ours; let us ever go forward with Christ, our Saviour, seeking to save the lost and training our girls and young women in Christian service. "To lose is to find". What will your find be?

Respectfully yours,

Dagmar C. Kvalnes.

Recommendations Passed at the L.D.R. Convention

1. We recommend that the L. D. R. continue to place major emphasis on a Christ-centred program, and that all regular meetings be devotional in nature. Also that all special programs be in keeping with the L. D. R. aims and purposes.

2. That we encourage a worship-offering as a part of each program at each local meeting instead of regular dues.

3. That all local L. D. R.'s consider seriously the support of international projects which are: Shishmaref, Jewish Mission, Budget and Centennial, and the Foreign Mission Schools.

4. That all L. D. R.'s seek to make use of Treasure Chests and Forget-Me-Nots.

5. That local groups be on the alert to serve as Torch Bearers.

6. That we send "Hyrden" to Rev. Dahle at Shishmaref.

7. That we give a five-dollar Forget-Me-Not to Jewish Missions in honor of Irene Rude, Tofield, Alta.

8. That we encourage box-work to Bawlf, and good reading material to "Little Norway."

9. That the L. D. R. express itself as opposed to the use of cigarettes and liquor, and that we use every available means of scientific temperance instruction.

10. That the L. D. R. adopt the L. D. R. Covenant as its code of Christian living. The code is as follows: To yield my life to the living Christ and permit His life to be formed in me.

To yield my body to be feet and hands and channels of activity for the Life that lives within me.

To make of material things instruments of the soul for the achievement of life's highest aims.

To accept the tasks of life as tests of my faithfulness and to accomplish them for the glory of God.

To regard circumstances as the scaffolding upon which I must stand while I build.

To let trouble teach me sympathy and discipline make of me a more usable disciple.

To receive with a consenting mind every opportunity for service and every occasion for sacrifice as an appointment for Jesus, that day by day my life shall speak of God.

That life's ultimate for me shall be to know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death.

Respectfully submitted,

Dagmar C. Kvalnes
Ida K. Olson
Mabel B. Aasmo.

Resolutions Passed by the L.D.R. Convention

1. We resolve to unite in thanking and praising our Father in Heaven for the outpouring of blessing which has been so great today.

2. That we thank Him for His guidance to all who have brought messages in word and song, and for those who have made plans and preparations for this Convention.

3. That we thank the W. M. F. for its encouragement and support, and that we pledge to them our loyal co-operation.

4. That we thank Rev. and Mrs. Evenson and the Outlook L. D. R. for their many courtesies.

5. That we express our gratitude to Bethlehem congregation for the use of their church.

6. That we express our thanks to the district officers for their faithful and conscientious service in furthering the work of the L. D. R. in our District.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Stolee, Fay Hovde,
Ada Nelson.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LUTHER LEAGUE

Editor, Rev. G. O. Evenson, Outlook, Sask.



From Hastings Lake Bible Camp

We are pleased to give "Hyrden" readers another brief glimpse from the promising and prospering Luther League Bible Camp at Hastings Lake, Alberta. Above "snap" taken on Sunday, July 13th, gives only a faint indication of the "mob" of people then present. Someone counted over four hundred cars along the lake shore. True, these had not all come to attend the camp services, but making a little trip of inspection, we discovered "our own" everywhere.

Contrary to former experiences, we had this year favorable weather from beginning to end, and the total enrollment reached a new all-time high of 235. Pastors of the Camrose and the Edmonton circuits served as instructors, and Evangelist E. L. Scotvold conducted the evening evangelistic meetings.

As will have appeared already, it is not our purpose here to give any detailed report on the activities of the camp. These are much the same everywhere. We only wish to record some general observations, and personal reactions.

The camp was characterized throughout by Christian fellowship of the highest order. Those young people did not only seek and find wholesome fun and beneficial recreation. At the open meetings a surprisingly large percentage took part with prayers and testimonies, and several publicly acknowledged Christ their Lord for the first time. Infractions of camp rules and discipline were so few as to be scarcely worth mentioning, except in so far as they did remind us that nothing here on earth is ever perfect.

It is real tonic both for body and soul to have the privilege of spending a week's time in such fellowship and in such surroundings. Somehow the great Apostle's admonition, "Rejoice in the Lord alway, again I say, Rejoice," takes on new meaning and real significance. The general spirit of the whole thing acts like a dynamic force, repelling and rejecting some, it is true, but drawing and challenging many more to face Christ and to take a stand for Him. Such are big claims, but based on observable facts, and the writer makes no apology for declaring himself completely sold on the Bible Camp movement. Through it God is offering us unparalleled opportunities for soul winning, and just as surely as soul winning is the prime objective of all church work, just as surely do our Bible camps deserve the undivided good will, prayers, and active support of members of all ages.

We like to add one word more. In order that the Camp may not become a detached mountain top experience only, let there be careful and prayerful follow-up work, lasting perhaps throughout the remainder of the year. "Him that is weak in the faith receive ye." (Rom. 14: 1) What a challenge that presents to older, experienced Christians! What a grievous sin to neglect to minister to those young souls who at Bible Camp in fear and trembling first made known their desire to belong to and to follow Jesus their Savior!

—C. S. L.

Saskatoon Circuit Bible Camp

Seventy young people enjoyed another week of Bible study, Christian fellowship and rest at the Outlook Bible camp July 8—15. Several of the campers were there for the second, third, or even fourth time, while many attended for the first time.

Rev. Selmer A. Berge of Fargo, N. D., spent the first day with us. He brought three very inspiring and interesting studies on what he called the "Three great chapters of the Bible." These were Isaiah 53, John 3 and Revelation 21. Rev. O. Olson, a minister of the Lutheran Free Church, brought a message at the Wednesday evening service. He spoke on the book of Esther, showing many wonderful and challenging truths in this book.

The regular Bible study on Galatians was conducted by Rev. G. O. Evenson. The title of this study was "Salvation by Grace." Rev. A. Hjortaaas brought a study on the Prodigal Son, showing the working of grace in the sinner's heart. Student Marvin Odland spoke on Christian Stewardship and Christian Service. Many helpful hints and suggestions came out of these hours. The Sunday School and Missions were topics we studied under the leadership of Student Josef Haave. Many received new understanding and interest as a result of these. The book of Nehemiah and the Epistle to Philemon were taught by the undersigned.

The recreational hour each day was spent in ball games, treasure hunts, swimming, and other sport. Each evening found the campers either around the camp fire for devotional services, or in the college chapel. Singing received a large place on our program with the morning hymn-sing and the evening choir rehearsals.

And so, another camp is history. But it is more than that. The Savior of men was lifted up, believing hearts were strengthened, new faith was given by Him who doeth all things well, friendships were formed. May God bless our young people and keep them for His service!

And the next camp will be held, God willing, at the same place on July 13—19th, 1942.

—B. O. Lokensgard.

The Luther Leagues of Zion Lutheran church in Saskatoon met for a special meeting on Monday evening, July 7th. The evening began with a scavenger hunt and was followed by a devotional program at which the speaker was the Rev. S. A. Berge of Fargo. During the summer months the Senior and Junior leagues are meeting jointly.

B. O. L.

A Christian Vacation

Sad to say, too many "Christians" leave their religion at the door of the church when summer begins, to be picked up again in fall. Are you one of these? Friend, beware of such a Christless vacation. Take Christ with you, wherever you go. Use your automobile to take you to church; not away from church.

Don't stay away from church because of company—bring them with you.